

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JOSE LOPEZ

v.

CIVIL ACTION
NO. 16-1773

CYNTHIA LINK, et al.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 22nd day of February, 2018, upon careful and independent consideration of the pleadings and record herein, and after review of the thorough and well-reasoned Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Thomas J. Rueter, and a careful review of Petitioner's Objections thereto, it is **ORDERED** that:

1. Petitioner's Objections to the Report and Recommendation [Doc. 19] are **OVERRULED**.
2. The Report and Recommendation [Doc. 17] is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.
3. The petition for a writ of habeas corpus is **DISMISSED**.
4. Petitioner's request for appointment of counsel is **DENIED**.
5. A certificate of appealability is not granted; and
6. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to mark this case closed.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Jeffrey L. Schmehl
Jeffrey L. Schmehl, J.